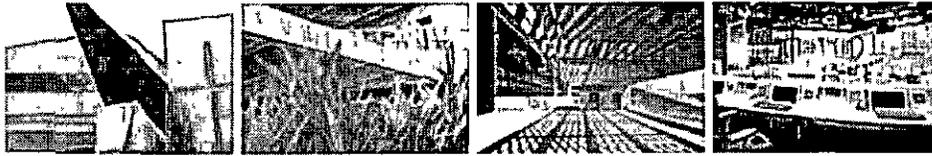


A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

AGENDA



Thursday, November 02, 2006

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**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
ITEM No. 26

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with PUBLIC SOLUTIONS GROUP, LTD., Grapevine, TX for alternative fuel consulting services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$114,367, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$114,367 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$343,101

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$104,836.42 is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Fleet Fund. Funding for the remaining one month of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**Additional Backup
Material**

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No Attachments Available

For More Information: Sydney Ceder, Senior Buyer/974-2035

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of three proposals received

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation

This contract will provide the Fleet Services Division with a consultant to work with the City, to develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive clean air initiative that encompasses all available alternative fuels and existing/emerging clean air technologies. The City of Austin is aware that Austin's air quality has reached near non-attainment status, and realizes it must take advantage of alternative fuels and new emission technologies that result in reductions of nitrous oxide.

Considering the current pricing fluctuations for conventional fuels (gasoline and diesel) and heavy reliance on foreign oil reserves, the City is aggressively pursuing alternative fuels and existing/emerging clean air technologies

The consultant will be required to assess the City's current fleet emissions status as it relates to U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality emission standards and requirements. The consultant will work with the City to integrate cleaner technologies and fuels into the City's fleet, including implementation of the new Compressed Natural Gas Program. In addition, the consultant will research and attain grant funding from multiple state and federal sources, with a minimum of six grant applications being completed and submitted within the first twelve months from the date of contract award.

An RFP was issued on February 13, 2006, for an experienced firm to provide alternative fuel consulting services. Three proposals were received. A panel consisting of six City Fleet professional personnel evaluated the proposals. The panel members recommended Public Solutions Group, LTD based upon the

categories of 1) System Concept and Solutions Proposed, 2) Demonstration of Applicable Experience and Personnel Qualifications, 3) Evidence of Good Organization and Management Practices, 4) Schedule, and 5) Total Evaluated Cost.

Public Solutions Group, LTD has over 60 combined years of experience in diesel, gasoline, propane, natural gas and hydrogen fuel industries. Examples of some past projects include the preparation of Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) grant applications for the City of Dallas and adviser to the City of San Antonio on alternative fuels and technologies.

MBE/WBE Solicited: 4/12 MBE/WBE Bid 0/0

PROPOSAL ANALYSIS a Adequate competition. b. Thirty-four notices were sent including four MBEs and twelve WBEs. Five solicitations were issued. Three proposals were received with no response for the MBEs/WBEs c This is the first purchase of its type, therefore, there is no pricing history available

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION a. Best evaluated proposal. b The Purchasing Office concurs with Fleet Services' recommended award. a. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet